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TO: Chief School Administrators
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ROUTE TO: Directors of Special Education
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Administrators of Programs for Students who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing

FROM: Lorelei Drew-Nevola, Director
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SUBJECT: Videoconference Workshops for Educational Interpreters in 2017-18

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) Office of Special Education Professional Development is sponsoring three videoconference workshops for educational interpreters of sign language. The workshops are presented by the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) Diagnostic Center at Boys Town National Research Hospital, which designs professional development programs to support educational interpreters in kindergarten through grade 12 classrooms.

Each live videoconference will be held simultaneously at three host locations: Union Street School, Hackensack (northern region), Robbinsville High School (central region), and Gloucester County Institute of Technology, Sewell (southern region).

Each videoconference will run from **11 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.** The dates and topics are as follows:

- **Saturday, December 2, 2017** – IV: Unpacking Discourse Mapping
- **Saturday, February 10, 2018** – II: Unpacking Sign to Voice Essentials
- **Saturday, April 7, 2018** – I: Unpacking Use of Space and Classifiers

Participants may register for one, two or all three workshops. Please be advised that there is no registration fee, but space at each location is limited. Onsite registration will not be available. Participants are encouraged to register online as soon as possible, or by the November 28, 2017 deadline for the first workshop. Visit the NJDOE’s Calendar of Events to register. Additional information regarding directions and presenters is also available online.

For further information or questions, call Tatianna McBride at the NJDOE at (609) 376-9084.
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